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INITIAL ELIGIBILITY PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

DUE BY DECEMBER 1

TOWN OF NEEDHAM
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
c/o Park & Recreation Department
500 Dedham Avenue, Town Hall
Needham, MA 02492
www.needhamma.gov/CPC

1. **Applicant:** Conservation Department **Submission Date:** 11/30/15
2. **Applicant's Address, Phone Number and Email:** 3. **Purpose:**
(Please select all that apply)
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Needham, MA 02492
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- Contact Name:**
Matthew Varrell
- ☒ Open Space
☐ Community Housing
☐ Historic Preservation
☒ Recreation
4. **Project Name:** Various Trail Improvements (Student Conservation Association)
5. **Project Location/Address/Ownership (Control):**
Ridge Hill Reservation - 463 Charles River Street (Conservation Commission)
Farley Pond Conservation Area - South Street (Conservation Commission)
Rosemary Lake (Park & Recreation Department)
6. **Amount Requested:** \$ 25,000
7. **Estimated Total Project Cost (If Different):** \$
8. **Critical Dates: (If Applicable)**

Applications to SCA for 2016 projects are due by 12/4/15. Projects to occur in July/August of 2016 and July/August of 2017. If sufficient funds are available, a project in 2018 may also be feasible.

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9. Project Summary: In 100 words or less provide a brief summary of the project:

The Conservation Department is requesting funds in order to engage the Student Conservation Association (SCA; <https://www.thesca.org/>) for at least two (2) 10-day projects in calendar years 2016 and 2017. Through CPA funding, the Conservation Department successfully engaged SCA for a project at Ridge Hill in 2015. The goal is to build on the existing relationship with SCA for several new potential projects. The two primary projects being repair of a wooden stair connection at the Fuller Trail (Ridge Hill Reservation) and construction of a footbridge at Farley Pond Conservation Area. Other potential projects include trail improvements at Rosemary Lake and various other smaller side projects (invasive species control, trail clean-up, kiosk construction, etc.).

10. Community Need: In 100 words or less provide a brief statement of the need for and the benefits to the community.

The primary benefit of engaging the SCA would be to continue improving existing trails within the Town of Needham, thereby creating better and safer connections between trails. A significant benefit of using the SCA for the proposed projects is cost-efficiency. The project in 2015 resulted in an excellent product for a very reasonable cost. By using the services of SCA, the proposed projects are expected to be completed for a lower cost than would be realized through other traditional procurement processes. The other significant benefit is providing an opportunity for the student workers with SCA to gain valuable experience within the Town of Needham. The 2015 Needham project was recently used by SCA at a Trails Conference as an example of a quality project that resulted in mutual benefits between SCA and the host community.

Note: *This application enables the Community Preservation Committee to review the request to assess eligibility. You shall be notified by January 1 of your eligibility. If eligible you will be requested to supply additional information by February 1.*